

MAYOR RICKY HAYWOOD FIRED FORMER CITY CLERK, PAT BOOTHE, FROM MERIT JOB

## Letter from Boothe's attorney threatens possible lawsuit

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The Mayor Ricky Haywood-Mrs. Pat Boothe saga continues with new chapters almost daily. Saturday the members of the city council and the water and electric board each received a letter from her lawyer.

Mrs. Boothe, former Elba City Clerk, resigned her position on September 30 and returned to her merit system position as administrative assistant with the City of Elba and with the Water & Electric Board.

After Haywood took office on October 5, he handed Mrs. Boothe a letter terminating her employment. This happened on October 9th.

The story began much earlier however. During the mayoral campaign Mr. Haywood advertised and told potential supporters Mrs. Boothe wouldn't continue as City Clerk. He also reportedly told her husband there would be no place in his administration for her. After the election Haywood confirmed to a representative of this newspaper that

he had indeed told Mr. Boothe his wife would have no place in the new administration.

Boothe appeared before the W & E Board the Monday evening (October 12) following her firing and questioned Haywood's authority to fire her from the utility (not the city portion of her work) after 14 1/2 years of service. Mrs. Boothe noted 1985 resolution by the board amending the bylaws and reserving hiring and firing authority to the board itself.

Following that reminder from her, the board voted 4-1 to retain Mrs. Boothe on the payroll until the legality of the situation was cleared up.

Haywood immediately placed her on administrative leave. He again fired her, in writing, on October 20, even though there had been no action by the board.

A Monday, October 26th special meeting of the utility board solved nothing, after Haywood asked who would be signing Mrs. Boothe's pay-

check if the board rehired her.

A Tuesday afternoon, October 27th, meeting between Haywood, Chairman Mickey Murdock and Board member/councilmember Bill Brunson appeared to have worked out a solution. An October 28th certified letter to Mrs. Boothe reinstated

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her with full pay and benefits back to October 20th (the date of her firing). It offered a job as utilities clerk and a cut in pay to \$6.23 per hour. The job is at the warehouse and not in City Hall. However, this settlement collapsed before she responded when Haywood instructed the bookkeeper not to issue her a Fri-

day paycheck, two days after he personally signed the latest letter.

Saturday, members of the utility board plus the mayor and city council members received a letter from a Montgomery lawyer representing Mrs. Boothe. He stated Haywood had violated her rights and if the board members and council members condoned his actions, they would be equally guilty.

The lawyer, Kenneth Shinbaum, an associate of Attorney Julian McPhillips, cited Haywood as being in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983. They were given five days to reinstate Mrs. Boothe and to issue a public apology to her. They were also asked to pay her \$750 for attorney fees and any back pay she has lost.

Shinbaum wrote, "Failure to do the foregoing will result in a lawsuit against Mayor Haywood in both his individual and official capacity and against the City of Elba."

He cited a similar action in Chambers County in which his client was awarded \$150,000 and the county incurred "enormous legal bills of their own."

Saturday Mrs. Boothe also received another letter from Haywood. It cited a portion of the state law he was using to terminate her employment. However, the section he cited dealt with city employees and not with employees of separate incorporated organizations such as the W & E Board.

On Tuesday, November 3, Mrs. Boothe did finally get her pay check for the past week.

At press deadline, neither the city council nor the utility board has met to take action of any kind to protect Elba from the potential lawsuit. However a 7 a.m. joint meeting of the two was scheduled for Wednesday (yesterday). Chairman Mickey Murdock said this meeting was only to authorize the naming of an attorney to advise the board on the proper action in responding to the threat of a law suit.

## W&E Board receives legal clarification from League

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

Water & Electric Board member Jack Prescott was delegated by the utility to contact the Alabama League of Municipalities for legal clarification on the authority of the utility in relationship with the city.

Prescott received a letter, dated October 30 which cites the sections of the Alabama code under which the utility was incorporated, the authority of the utility board and the responsibilities of the superintendent, mayor or otherwise.

"The utility board was organized under the authority of Sections 11-50-231 through 11-50-241, Code of Alabama, 1975. These boards are incorporated, which makes them separate entities from the municipalities which create them. Therefore, they

have the power to govern their own operations without interference from the municipality. The only connection with the municipal governing body is that the council appoints the

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members of the board ..."

In the last paragraph of the opinion, Smith spells out the duties of the mayor if he is appointed superintendent. Then he writes, "The utility board is his employer and he is responsible to them for faithful performance of these duties."

EVERETT & SHELBY BOTH WINNERS IN COFFEE COUNTY

## Coffee voters don't vote with nation

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

Coffee County voters went to the polls for Tuesday's general election to the tune of 63%. Of the 24,704 registered voters in the county, 15,551 voted in the presidential race.

Coffee Countians went with the Republican, President George Bush while the nation went with Bill Clinton, the Democratic Party's nominee.

President Bush received 7,591 votes while Clinton polled 5,794. Ross Perot came in a distant third getting 2,021 votes.

In the U. S. Senate race, incumbent Senator Richard Shelby, a Democrat, was re-elected by Coffee Countians. He received 10,222 while Richard Sellers was a distant second receiving 3,420 votes.

Terry Everett, the Republican nominee for the 2nd Congressional District seat, was the leading vote getter in the county with 8,151 votes. George Wallace, Jr., a Democrat, received 6,617 votes.

At press time, Everett was leading Wallace by more than 4,000 votes in district-wide voting.

Assistant District Attorney Bill

Barr was elected Circuit Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit - Place 2 by out polling Judge John B. Crawley 12,453 to 11,032 votes.

Barr received 7,070 votes in Coffee County while Crawley got 6,629. In Pike County, Barr got 5,363 votes while Crawley received 4,403.

Crawley was appointed Circuit Judge by Gov. Guy Hunt when Judge Riley Green retired from the post. Crawley ran as a Republican and Barr was the Democratic nominee.

There were three seats on the Coffee County Commission contested in Tuesday's election - Districts 2, 4 & 6.

Winning the District 2 Seat was Lawrence Creel. He received 1,032 votes to his opponent's 979. Creel ran as the Democratic Party's nominee and Roy Hilton represented the Republican Party.

Jack Hanson, the Democratic nominee, took the District 4 Seat by a 73 vote margin. He received 1,143 votes to Foster Motley's, the Republican, 1,070.

In the District 6 commissioner's race, Randy Lunsford, the Democratic challenger, fell to the incumbent, Sid Averett.

Averett, a Republican, got 1218 votes to Lunsford's 583.

Two Coffee County School Board seats were decided in Tuesday's election. Virgil Coleman was re-elected to the District 3 Seat while Joyce Barksdale won the District 6 Seat on the Board.

Coleman defeated Pearl Davis 929 votes to 524 votes. Barksdale was the winner over Nadine Stokes getting 1,147 votes to Stokes' 592.

Barksdale and Davis ran as Republican while Coleman and Stokes represented the Democratic Party.

Unopposed candidates on the ballot were: Gary McAliley, Circuit Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit - Place 3; Joel Folmar, District Attorney, 12th Judicial Circuit; Wendell Black, Robert Stephens, Bernest Brooks, and Bill Faulk. Coffee Commission Districts 1, 3, 5 & 6 respectively.

All of the above election results are unofficial.

## Boothe is again reinstated by the W & E Board

Wednesday morning in a 7:00 A.M. meeting, the Water and Electric Board responded to the real threat of a pending lawsuit and voted unanimously to reinstate Mrs. Pat Boothe to her previous position with the utility.

Reading the previously prepared motion was board member Bill Brunson.

His motion called for reinstating Mrs. Boothe to her previous position, at the same rate of pay she was receiving, pay her attorney's fees and issue an apology for any embarrassment the board might have caused her in the previous weeks.

The strongly worded motion stated the superintendent WOULD carry out the wishes of the board.

During the fifteen minute meeting Mayor Ricky Haywood, who was named by the board as superintendent, sat mute throughout and didn't enter into the discussion.

He had previously fired her several times since taking office and had questioned who would issue her a pay check if the board rehired her.

Board members have publicly said it would be hard to defend a lawsuit because the board was on record as saying Mrs. Boothe's was an excellent employee and one of the best employees the City of Elba every had.

MAYOR PASSES OUT HIGHLIGHTED STATE CODES TO COUNCIL

## Elba's mayor and council members remain at odds

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The new administration for the City of Elba continues to sputter as Mayor Ricky Haywood and the council members remain at odds. Haywood says he feels they are persecuting him for trying to surround himself with his own people. Council members are charging threats and out right lies on the part of Haywood.

The possibility of an olive branch to calm the waters moved further from reality last Thursday afternoon when Haywood began hand delivering photocopies of state laws outlining the duties of the Mayor and the council members. He also double highlighted a section citing a council member could be convicted of a misdemeanor and removed from office for passing resolutions or ordinances which attempt to take away the mayor's power. It was later determined by citizens with access to the state codes that these laws don't even pertain to a Class 8 city such as Elba, but to much larger cities.

Councilman Earl McCollough received his photocopies while standing in a local hardware and upon seeing the part about the removal from office, asked if the mayor was threatening him. He reported Haywood denied any threat was intended.

In addition to the confusion caused by Haywood's firing of Mrs. Pat Boothe, the naming of a police chief has become a growing controversy.

In spite of an agreement to evaluate the police department for 90 days before making a decision, the mayor has interviewed candidates for the chief's job. He gave council members a copy of the resume on a poten-

tial replacement for Chief Freddie Hanchey.

Council members are upset with Haywood and accuse him of going back on his promises. They report an agreement at their organizational meeting, prior to taking office, in which Hanchey would remain as chief. The feelings at that meeting were, "Why mess up a good thing."

Following that meeting, several council members announced the plans on the police chief and reportedly the then-mayor-elect himself told Hanchey he would remain as

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chief. Monday morning, October 5th, prior to swearing in of the new administration, Haywood told Hanchey he could be acting chief until a replacement was named. This came as a surprise to the city council which, by law, has sole authority to name the police chief. They say they still don't know the reason for the sudden turn-around.

During the first meeting of the new administration, Haywood did ask for a delay in naming a police chief. He appeared to agree to the council's motion for a 90 day evalua-

tion before deciding on changing the police chief.

However interviews for a replacement continued, prompting a discussion at the council meeting of October 26th. At this meeting McCollough read from the minutes of a previous meeting, the agreement for a 90 day evaluation. Haywood agreed again to continue the evaluation. However the next morning, Tuesday, October 27, Hanchey reported being told by the mayor that he could be assistant chief, but another person would be named chief.

Council member Ronnie Jinnright asked at the October 26th meeting just why Haywood felt another chief was needed. A number of agreement went through the spectators present at the council meeting but there was no answer.

Community support for retaining Hanchey has blossomed into petitions urging the council not to replace him and telephone calls from other concerned citizens expressing the same sentiments.

The community sentiment, coupled with the council members being offended over the way Haywood is ignoring their wishes and memories of the photocopies they take as open threats have combined to form a stiff resistance. They are also hearing complaints from voters who support Haywood in the recent elections who thought they had his promise the police department wouldn't change. This resistance is spilling over into such areas as naming a city attorney, where council members are now talking of opposing Haywood's attempt to change the attorney of record.

Council members are also receiving complaints from voters over Haywood's announcement that Oper-

ations Officer Henry Clark has hiring and firing power over hourly employees. Citizens say they feel this is giving too much power to a person they didn't elect to office.

## New Brockton's City Council meeting smooth

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

New Brockton's newly elected mayor and city council wasted very little time in Monday's council meeting.

They approved bills totalling \$3,046.69 and moved quickly and smoothly through several items listed on the meeting agenda.

The council appointed Debbie Jared, an Elba attorney, as municipal court judge. Linda Dillow, the city clerk, was named as the town's magistrate.

Enterprise attorney Joe Sawyer was confirmed by the council as the town's attorney.

The council approved the raising of court cost on DUI's and all civil cases by \$10.00.

When the question arose as to the status of the town's police protection, Mayor Kathryn Holley was quick to respond. She assured the council members and residents that necessary steps were being taken to bring the police department up to 24-hour protection status.

It was noted that applicants for the position of police chief would be

interviewed on Tuesday evening.

Prior to the council adjourning, the members heard a report from Eric Johnson of Ewing Conner & Associates on the status of the housing rehabilitation project. He informed them that everything was on schedule.

## Law enforcement warns: graveyard vandals beware

In recent weeks several graves in local cemeteries have been desecrated.

Local law enforcement officials warn that anyone apprehended and arrested in connection with these incidents will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The Criminal Code of Alabama, §13A-7-23-1, reads as follows: "Any person who willfully or maliciously injures, defaces, removes or destroys any tomb, monument, gravestone or other memorial of the dead, or any fence or any enclosure about any tomb, monument, gravestone or memorial, or who willfully and wrongfully destroys removes cuts,

breaks or injures any tree shrub, plant, flower, decoration or other real or personal property within any cemetery or graveyard shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."

Anyone convicted of the above offense could be imprisoned up to 1 year in the state penitentiary and/or fined up to \$2,000.00.

A reward of \$500 is being offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of grave desecration.

Anyone having information in regards to the above incidents or asked to call Crimestoppers at 897-3881 or the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

**\*\* HAPPENINGS \*\***

**VETERANS DAY.** In observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1992, the Elba and New Brockton City Halls will be closed. The Elba and Enterprise Courthouses will also be closed.

**TRASH DUMP.** The Elba City dump, located behind Hickman Moving & Storage, will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEETING.** The Elba City Council's regular meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 1992, in city hall at 6:00 p.m.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

At least two readers feel they were helped by our writings last week... you know the part about just which candidate we would be voting for on Tuesday. Both admit they always read how we are going to vote and then vote for the opposition! What they better watch out for there is the chance we might anticipate their actions and someday print what ain't exactly the truth about our voting plans. Anyway, at press time it appeared we again hadn't done very well in the win-loss column. That is the reason we almost never buy lottery tickets... we ain't lucky in that or politics. But we do vote our convictions!

The internal problems with the Elba city government just will not go away. These problems are commanding considerable press coverage also and it ain't good press. This is concerning many of the good people in our community. They want and deserve better from their leaders.

We have some strong convictions on the happenings at city hall but can't do as well as the Gollybush Address and say it in 226 words. But then we don't have an *Abraham Lincoln* either! Not being a government bureaucrat we can also get our words written without the 15,629 words the U.S.D.A. used to explain the price of cabbage.

Ricky Haywood won a close election to become mayor in Elba. We are hearing people say, "I voted for him or I didn't vote for him, etc.," but none of that matters now because he is Elba's mayor. The kindest thing we can say concerning city hall is that he is an amateur at politics and more particularly at running city hall. His limited knowledge of the workings of municipal government added to an apparent lack of any desire for diplomacy in dealing with council members has gotten him in big trouble. Trouble with these council members, a large percentage of the citizens, and now with a law firm representing a city employee.

Having watched the local city hall for almost 30 years, we see a glaring void. The designated leader refusing the advice of those elected officials around him with the knowledge and experience to avoid the pitfalls the office brings. Blunders like presenting photocopies of pages from the state code books were offensive to the council members. But worse, the realization he was passing out pages dealing with Dothan size towns and not Elba, points out his (and his advisors') gross lack of knowledge of the job.

The Pat Boothe matter could wind up costing the taxpayers of Elba a bunch of money if the council and utility board don't bow their backs and take an even firmer stand. Yet the firmer stand could cause a further rift between the mayor and council. It could cost Haywood a bunch of money personally, but it ain't our business if his pride or stubbornness is more important. It is our business when the taxpayers' money is at stake. At least a half dozen area lawyers have expressed the opinion to us that she will win the case, and win big, if it gets filed. We suggest a 180 degree turn-around on this issue, but for the sake of avoiding a lawsuit and the fact the employees can continue to contribute valuable experience to city government.

Haywood also needs to mend other fences with his council members. Telling them one thing about the police chief and doing something else... repeatedly... not only offends the council members but undermines the morale of what was one of the best police departments Elba has ever had. This combination is also scaring away his qualified candidates to be named chief, if the council could be talked into making a change.

We know Ricky Haywood about as well as anyone in town and feel he does have the inner strength to admit he has made a bad start, apologize to the people of Elba and try for a fresh start, learning from past mistakes. No man or woman can do the job alone... it must be a team effort. No mayor has ever gotten a plan approved, selling the council on his merits. Sometimes a smart leader will not push a position on the council, hoping they will show their gratitude by also compromising on other matters later.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, October 27, 1992, investigated the following incidents: four criminal mischiefs, five harassments, two criminal trespasses, one harassing communication, three assaults, one burglary, one DUI, one theft, and one possible child abuse. The following arrests were made: one for criminal trespassing and one for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. One traffic citation for DUI was issued.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27** - Prowler reported on Brunson Circle (1:15 a.m.); Rescue run from residence to Elba General Hospital (5:33 a.m.); Prowler reported on Brunson Circle (7:30 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28** - Rescue run to residence in the Pine Level Community (10:41 a.m.); Rescue run to the intersection of Lee St. and Martin Luther King Dr. (1:25 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Williams St. (1:47 p.m.); Burglary reported at Elba Villas (4:08 p.m.); Rescue run to the Coffee Co. Lake (4:25 p.m.); Burglary at residence on Williams St. (5:16 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29** - Prowler reported on Williams St. (2:48 a.m.); Fire reported at the Elba Pallet Mill (6:24 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Al Hwy. 87N (2:30 p.m.); Wreck at Mr. Henry's (6:28 p.m.); Possible prowler on U. S. Hwy. 84W (10:45 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30** - Burglary reported on Davis St. (10:22 a.m.); Wreck on Al Hwy. 87N near Big Creek (1:45 p.m.); Fire and rescue units dispatched to wreck on Al Hwy. 87N (1:45 p.m.); Disturbance in the Shiloh Community (5:51 p.m.); Wreck reported near the intersection of Co. Rd. 95 and Taylor Rd. (6:41 p.m.); Disturbance at residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (9:45 p.m.); Disturbance at residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (10:13 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31** - Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (8:45 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (2:56 p.m.); Shots fired behind Brunson's Trailer Ct. (3:38 p.m.); Fight reported at Powell's Trailer Ct. (8:00 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1** - Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (12:47 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (1:41 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to residence (3:18 p.m.); Disturbance reported near Harris Temple Church (5:32 p.m.); Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (9:43 p.m.).

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2** - Fire at Westside Baptist Church (3:12 p.m.); Rescue run to Kennedy Estates (7:24 p.m.); Routine activity.

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THE CHILDREN OF RAINBOW LAND KINDERGARTEN enjoyed a Halloween party including games and treats on Thursday, October 29. Pictured in their costumes are: Brianna Bailey, Stephanie Baxley, Sydney Brunson, Wesley Calhoun, Ashley Carney, Katie Cash, Stephanie Corder, Billy Crawford, Timothy Jackson, Brandy Kelley, Todd Kelley, Whitney Lawford, Elena McCormick, Hunter McGuire, Dustin Rhoades, Teachers - Jana Kelley and Betsy Martin. Not pictured is Meredith Finch.

## We Get Letters..

Dear Editor,

The Elba Elementary School PTO officers would like to thank every one who made the Halloween Carnival and Black and Ghoulish Show such a success. Mrs. Sharpless, Mr. Crowe, Mrs. Kathy Smith and the Elementary School teachers willingly supported and actively assisted in making everything function as smoothly as possible.

Thanks also to those who came and generously supported the activities of the Carnival. The cooperation of the large crowd added greatly to the success of the event.

And thanks, most of all to the parents who gave so much of their time in planning, organizing and coordinating and working on the night of the carnival.

Carol Laney deserves special recognition for heading the Halloween Carnival activities and Connie Smith organized the great Black and Ghoulish entertainment.

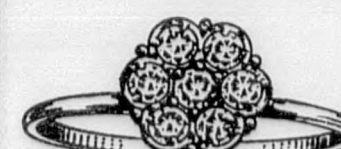
The Elba Police Department provided security and assisted in parking and their professional presence was greatly appreciated.

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## Volksmarch To Be Held November 14 & 15

A Volksmarch, a free, non-competitive walk open to everyone, will be held November 14 and 15, 1992, at Humming Hills Girl Scout Camp in Coffee County. Walkers are invited to start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Walkers must be finished by 4 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Sponsored by the Boll Weevil Volksmarchers Assn. of Enterprise, AL, a Volksmarch is an outdoors walk about six miles long. The course is designed for walking or jogging at whatever pace is comfortable for you.

There is no charge for enjoying this walk. There will be awards available for sale to those who complete the event.

Telephone: Lew Stone at 347-7340 (evenings) for more info.



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL POSTER WINNERS... Students in grades 4-6 at the Elba Elementary School participated recently in a poster contest sponsored by the Elba Elementary School PTO. The posters helped publicize the Halloween Carnival and the winners were (front row, l-r) Melissa Mullar, Gunter Akridge and Kendra Vaughan. (Standing, l-r) Daniel Ward, Vaughan Boyd and Laura Crowe.

## Composting Leaves Saves Landfill

Yard and garden "waste" such as grass clippings, leaves, shrubbery trimmings, tree branches and spent vegetable plants, comprise roughly 20 percent of the solid waste found in landfills. The Elba trash or "inert" landfill will be full within weeks. A public hearing has been scheduled to open another trash landfill on city owned property just South of town.

Efforts to recycle household wastes are under way in many communities. But, unlike other recycling efforts, recycling yard waste makes collection and disposal unnecessary. Since the cost of collecting, hauling, and handling solid waste is a large share of the solid waste management expense, keeping the waste at home can reduce the cost of waste disposal.

Collecting lawn trimmings at each mowing with a bagging lawn mower and add the clippings to a compost pile. While your lawn doesn't reap the benefits of this practice, your garden and landscape plants will. Composted lawn clippings are an excellent soil conditioner. Grass clippings decompose rapidly because of their high nitrogen content. High nitrogen can result in odors when insufficient oxygen is available, so turning the pile with a pitchfork to provide aeration is important.

Collect leaves and add them directly to the compost pile. Finished compost is an excellent soil conditioner for improving soil structure, drainage and nutrient element status. Composting speeds breakdown of leaves, thereby reducing the volume of water left on your property.

Break, chop or saw shrubbery trimmings and remains of vegetable plants into small pieces. Consider

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Wednesday - Holiday.  
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk.  
Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk.

**LUNCH**  
Monday - Barbecue Sandwich, Chili W/ Crackers, Breaded Okra, Cole Slaw, Choice Of Fruit, Rice, Milk.  
Tuesday - Roast Beef Sandwich, Grilled Cheese, Garden Peas, Scalloped Potatoes, Choice Of Fruit, Fruit Tart, Milk.  
Wednesday - Holiday.  
Thursday - Fried Chicken, Hamburger, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Choice Of Fruit, Cheese, Slice, Rolls, Lettuce/Pickles/Tomato, Milk.  
Friday - Pizza, Corn Dog, Whole Kernel Corn, Onion Rings, Choice Of Fruit, Chocolate Pudding, Milk.

## Z.C. Students Attend Pow-Wow

by Pam Flowers  
Mrs. Pam Flowers, Indian Education Aide at Zion Chapel, recently took her Indian Education classes, grades K-6, on a field trip to Elba, Alabama to an Indian Pow-Wow.  
The Pow-Wow was sponsored by the McChesney Lower Creek Tribe of Alabama and Chief Penny Wright.  
The students enjoyed seeing a real Indian teepee, many Indian arts and crafts and face painting. The highlight of the event was the Creek Tribe Dancers from Pensacola, Florida. The dances included the Flag Ceremonial dance, Pigeon dance, Thanksgiving dance, and Spirit Telling dance, but the most exciting and enjoyable was the Indian Snake dance using a live Red Tail Python.  
Chaperones for the trip were Pam Flowers, Jerrell Flowers, Shirley Brooks, Wanda Edmondson, Sue Brown, Becky Bragg, Teresa Jirigite, Edna Griffin, Vickie Graham, Tammy McHaffey, Janey Clements, Helen Pugh, Elizabeth Dyes, Olga Bunday, Molly Bowell, Julie McDermott, and Vivian Cole. Mr. Bob Andrews, principal of Zion Chapel Elementary, made the trip with the group.

## Homecoming Is Tomorrow

by Denise Marler  
Homecoming Week began Monday and will conclude tomorrow night when the Homecoming Dance is over—that is about 12 p.m.  
The Varsity Cheerleaders have had something planned for everyday this week. There has been some kind of "dress up" spirit activity everyday. Monday was Dew Rag/Hat Day, Tuesday was Tacky/Nerd Day, Wednesday was Hippie/Rock Day, and today is Silence is Golden Day. Tomorrow is Spirit Day. Tonight the cheerleaders are sponsoring a bonfire. All week long the cheerleaders have been selling links for a spirit chain. The links were 5¢ each or 6

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## Homecoming Activities at Zion Chapel High School

Thursday, Nov. 5 (Tonight) - Bonfire and Pep Rally at Zion Chapel High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6 - Homecoming Parade at Zion Chapel High School beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6 - Pre-game Ceremonies beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6 - Homecoming Football Game - Rebels Vs Houston Academy - Starting Time: 7:30 p.m.

## Junior Varsity Football Season Ends

by Chris Hodge  
The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity football team ended their season with a 1-4 record in their last game.

The team was looking for a win to end the season but came home after a hard fought game with a losing record of 1-4. The game was played by penalties that were not in the Rebels' favor.

The Rebels took possession of the ball to begin the game and drove it down the field for a touchdown. The drive was sparked by a 30-yard scamper by Roy Stewart and 3 plays later Elliot Lipsett took the ball for the touchdown. The Rebels took possession of the ball for the first time in the game. The drive was capped off on an 8-yard Kinston run. The 2-point conversion was good and the Rebels led 8-0.

The Rebels next possession was a 6-play drive that stalled at the Bulldog 4-yard line. The Rebels moved the ball

down the field on a 58-yard run by Elliot Lipsett but the Rebels just couldn't punch it in.

The Bulldogs took over on the 4 and it was a 3 plays and a punt. Zion Chapel got the ball on the Bulldog 40-yard line and the Rebels led 12-8.

Kinston's next possession lasted 9 plays but was stalled as the Rebel defense stiffened. Zion Chapel took over on downs and wasted little time scoring and 2 plays later they were in the end zone. The first play of the drive was a 28-yard run by Stewart to the Kinston 39. On the following play Stewart outran everyone to the end zone for the touchdown. The 2-point conversion was successful with 20 seconds left in the first half. Zion Chapel led 18-0.

The Bulldogs offense ran one play to end the first half and at the half it was the Rebels 18 and the Bulldogs 8.

Kinston had the ball at the beginning of the second half but the drive ended on the second play as Rebel safety, Shane Moran, intercepted a Bulldog pass. The Rebel offense couldn't get anything going on its next possession and punted the ball back to Kinston.

Kinston's next possession was a long, time-consuming drive that lasted 13 plays and went into the fourth quarter. On the first play of the fourth quarter, a Kinston player put the ball in the end zone from 2 yards out. The 2-point conversion was good and the Bulldogs had closed the margin to 18-6.

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## SADD's History

by Laura Brown

The Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) program was founded in 1981 by Mr. Robert Anastos, Director of Health Education at Wayland High School in Massachusetts after two of his students were killed in traffic accidents. During that same year 11,005 young people, ages 15-21, died in traffic accidents in the United States.

The SADD program was developed on Mr. Anastos' convictions that teenagers did not want to die in a drinking and driving crash, that they did not want to be paralyzed for life and that they did not want to kill or hurt other passengers or pedestrians. He also felt that most illegal drinking and/or drug use was caused by peer pressure.

The goals of SADD are: 1) To help eliminate the drunk driver and save lives; 2) To alert students about the dangers of drinking and driving; 3) To educate the illegal use of drugs; 4) To conduct community alcohol awareness programs; and, 5) To organize peer counseling programs to help students who may have concerns about alcohol. These goals are designed to bring together the school, the community, and families in an effort to eliminate abuse and death due to the combination of drinking and driving.

With everyone working together the statistics which indicated that 87% of all students use alcohol before they graduate from high school will be drastically reduced.

Students unify their forces to provide positive peer pressure by watching over each other and not allowing the use of alcohol and/or drugs.

Remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk!



Pictured above are (l-r): Ken Moran, Felicity Littlefield, Nicole Pilcher, Stephanie Brooks, and Sabrina Stokes.

## Z.C.'s Homecoming Court

by Chris Green

Zion Chapel High School recently chose the Homecoming Court to reign over the festivities of Homecoming on Friday, November 6, 1992.

The Court was chosen after each class grades 9-11 nominated two girls to compete for the position of attendant. All senior girls were nominees for Homecoming Queen and Senior Attendant. The nominees were then voted on by the high school student body and one was chosen to represent each grade. The senior girl with the most votes was named Homecoming Queen and the senior girl with the second most votes was named Senior Attendant.

The Freshman Attendant is Sabrina Stokes, the Sophomore Attendant is Ken Moran, Junior Attendant is Stephanie Brooks, Senior Attendant is Felicity Littlefield, and the 1992 Homecoming Queen is Nicole Pilcher.

The court will be presented at the afternoon pep session on Homecoming Day. The court will be presented again that night during the pre-game Coronation Ceremony that will begin at 6:45 p.m.

by Arleen Pridden

"Story Time" for the fifth grade was conducted by the members of the Speech and Drama Club. The stories told were selected from a book of fairy tales, as well as from other sources.

Felicity Littlefield told the story, "That's Why I'm Late For School." The story was about a little girl who was kidnapped. When she was kidnapped she was taken to a dark room and sat on a red stool. And that is why she was late for school.

Nicki Pilcher acted out a segment from the children's movie, "You Are A Good Man, Charlie Brown." She was dressed like a little boy who was at lunch during his school day. She took a peek in his lunch bag to find peanut butter. Sonya Shaw is the instructor for the Speech and Drama Club.

red-headed girl and had the thought "She would never look at me." He contemplated going over to talk to her but decided against doing so and then was overjoyed to find that the little girl was looking at him.

Arleen Pridden told the folk tale, "The Wee Wee Man." She had little people drawn and cut out and hid them from across the stage. The little people were busy with judges' interviews, luncheons, and lots of rehearsals. Thirty-eight cities, towns, and communities were represented by the Wiregrass. The Wiregrass was represented by the Wiregrass. The Wiregrass was represented by the Wiregrass.

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by Stephanie Brooks

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The club is made up of students who have one special interest in common—they like to read science fiction.

The club had its first official meeting recently. The meeting was called to order by President Joy Arnold. The club discussed building a float for October by the National Livestock Judging Team. The club will have a float for October by the National Livestock Judging Team.

The club meets each month and each member is responsible for reading a science fiction story. The goal for the club is simply to educate and inform in an enjoyable way.

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A course that will teach critical telephone fundamentals will meet Saturday, November 14. Students will learn ways to present a professional image through telephone conversation, how to handle problem calls and keys to positive communication. The class will meet from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and counts as one hour of college credit. Fee is \$23.50. Call 393-ESJC, ext. 233, to receive complete details.

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Saturday Computer Class

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## Miss Elba Competes In Peanut Festival

by Heather Stinson

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by Joey Bozeman

Many activities that the club has begun included providing "treats for teachers." Instead of edible treats, the Elba FBLA chapter likes to give "treats" that are practical, useful, and durable. Each teacher member is given a printed monthly calendar with special events concerning FBLA and the school. These mounted calendars, with special graphics and the FBLA logo, were prepared on the computers in the Business Education Department. The club will furnish the calendars each month to the teachers.

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## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I took the girls trick-or-treating Saturday night and hate to admit it, but it wasn't really that bad. Melissa dressed up like a gypsy fortune teller and Melanie dressed up like a rabbit, complete with ears and fluffy little tail. We skipped some homes at which Melissa's classmates may have been passing out the candy, but did make the homes of most of our friends and both girls got more than enough candy for several tummys aches. Oh, yes, Melanie even got a kiss from one lady. That beats candy any day!

### TIGERS POST LOPSIDED WIN OVER 5A ANDALUSIA

The Elba Tigers had two strikes against them when they hit the field Friday night to battle Andalusia. One - the Tigers were coming off a one run (er, point) loss to T.R. Miller, and two - the Tigers' top hitter (er, runner) wasn't even dressed out due to a death in his family. It made no difference; however, as the Tigers pinch-hitter (er, runner) Teddy Burks slugged a home-run (er, scored a touchdown) on the first pitch (er, play) and the Tigers coasted to the easy win. I may have my sports crossed up a little, but at least Elba's nickname wasn't "Braves".

I was one of the Elba faithful that was concerned last week about the mental readiness of the Tigers after the 21-20 loss to T.R. Miller, and the fact that Greg Thigpen wouldn't even be at the game. I knew that the loss took a lot out of the team and also felt that Thigpen's absence might affect the team's confidence. My hair is already gray, so, I guess I just worried for nothing.

Elba came out ready to play against Andalusia and dominated play from start to finish in posting another lopsided win against what was expected to be a solid opponent. The loss did bother the players deeply and it showed early last week in practice, but the team got back to work later in the week and by Friday night it was obvious that the Tigers had put the loss behind them and were ready to get on with the job at hand - defeating Andalusia and preparing for the remainder of the season and the playoffs.

The offense made it look incredibly easy by scoring on its first play on the 91-yard run by Burks, but also had scoring drives of 62, 84, 87 and 68 yards, drives in which the Tigers simply dominated the line of scrimmage and blew the Bulldogs off the field. Teddy Burks gained 256 yards on just

15 carries and rushed for 4 touchdowns in his first start ever, and added a 20 yard touchdown reception, giving him 5 touchdowns for the night. Not a bad debut for the state's best second-string tailback! Jamie Brockton also had a big night with 101 yards rushing, all up the middle and for 106 yards and wide-receiver Josh Caldwell made two spectacular catches, the kind we've been waiting for Caldwell to make all season - it was quite a night for the offense, to say the least.

Elba had a season-high 513 yards in total offense in the win, including 417 yards rushing, and once again the unsung heroes have to be those guys on the offensive line that butted heads all night long with their opposition. The line gave the backs holes in which to run, and with backs like the Tigers have, the linemen know that if they do their job the backs will do their's and put points on the scoreboard. It was another big night for the offense, which is averaging over 35 points per game, and another night in which the Tigers refused to be stopped.

The defense was confused at times and took some tongue lashings from the coaches on the sidelines, but once again came up with several big plays to stop drives and turned in another winning effort. Confusion in the secondary was evident a couple of times and allowed Andalusia to have some big offensive plays; however, the play up front was outstanding for most of the night and the defensive front won the war in the trenches, just like their counterparts on the offensive side of the ball. Bryce Phillips had a big game and was a dominating force, while Bo Boyd had a big game, as did Julius Peterson. Linebackers Phillip Compton and Jamie Brockton had their usual solid games, and in the secondary, Perry Sinson and Teddy Burks both had solid games. The defense bends at times, but always snaps backs and usually hits its opponents hard when it does.

Summing up the win, it was really much more than just another win. The Tigers would have had a number of excuses for not playing well and would have been excused for simply going through the motions and posting a narrow win. The Tigers never even thought of giving less than 110 percent, however, and the Tigers showed me what they were made of in the game. This team has as much pride as any team that has ever pulled on the black and gold of Elba High and will always give it all in every game it plays. You can't ask for anything more!

### WHERE IS THE SUPPORT THE TIGERS RICHLY DESERVE?

I understand that everyone isn't as avid an Elba Tiger supporter as I am, but I'd like to know why it is that the more games the Tigers play, and the better they play, the fewer and fewer the fans are that support the Tigers. The first three games it was super to look up in the stands and see them packed with Tiger supporters. The results were big wins over Georgiana, Opp and Louisville. Then came the win over Slocomb, a game in which you probably could have put all the fans in the reserved seating section of the home side, and last week the Andalusia win, another game in which the Elba fans numbered about what you'd expect for a junior high game.

If you think the players don't notice, you are wrong! One player won-

dered out loud a couple of weeks ago what the fans wanted, and said it was a no-win situation, because if the team lost the fans would stay home, and if they won big, they would also stay home.

I know that the cost of attending a high school football game has gone up and many families may not be able to fork out \$20 for a family and five or six to watch a game. For those of you, I'm not writing this article. It is for the so-called Elba fans who look for excuses not to go to a game and pretend to be supporters that this is for. C'mon Elba fans. The Tigers have an outstanding football team and deserves your support, whether they play on the road or at home. Let's fill the stands and show everyone that not only do we have the best team around, but also the best support for our youngsters!

### COUNTY TEAMS READY FOR SEASON TO WIND DOWN

The teams in the county system had another rough week, but unlike the past few weeks, at least one of the teams did taste victory. Here's a quick look back.

\*\*\*KINSTON played ball-control against McKenzie and posted a solid 20-0 win over the once-powerful Tigers. The Bulldogs have had problems recently with injuries, but Friday night simply forgot the problems, lined up and whipped McKenzie at the point of attack. This Kinston team is much better than its 4-5 record indicates, but a lack of confidence has kept the Dogs from doing big things. Maybe some day...

\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL got steamrolled by G.W. Long and it looks like the Rebels will have to just look back at the '92 season and point at where the comeback started. The Rebs got whipped every way possibly by their Area foes from Skipperville and simply aren't a very good football team. Zion Chapel will be back, but this year will go down as a rough learning experience.

\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON looked improved last week, but still fell to Wicksburg 17-6. I remember when the Gamecocks whipped Wicksburg by a number of points they wanted, but those days are gone and may never return. At least the Gamecocks have shown some improvement, and may be ready when spring training rolls around.

### NOT ALL FOOTBALL NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

I enjoy reading all the daily papers over the weekend and can never seem to read enough when it comes to high school sports. This week, however, I may have read more than I really wanted to.

\*\*\*In Theodore, it took 10 Sheriff's Department deputies to help break up a bench-clearing brawl between players from Foley and Theodore. The fight took place during the game and resulted in 10 players being ejected. The coaches of both teams tried to break up the fight, but without the help of the law enforcement officers, fans could have become involved and a real fight could have occurred. Who won? Who cares!

\*\*\*Clanton, a Verbeena woman was released on \$300 bond Saturday after spending the night in jail after slapping a referee during the Verbeena-Maplewood football game. It seems that the woman came on the field after her son was injured on a play, and slapped the ref because she felt the ref should have thrown a penalty flag. By the way, the player wasn't hurt badly enough to be hospitalized.

\*\*\*In Birmingham, a Shades Valley football player was killed in a drive-by shooting after the Shades Valley-Pelham football game. The player was in the parking lot of a pizza restaurant when a car drove by and shots fired from the car hit the 16-year-old player.

Enough fun for one week?

### FAVORITES STEPPING FORWARD AS STATE PLAYOFFS NEAR

The state high school football playoffs won't begin until next week, but some teams across the state made it known this week that they would be teams to reckon with once the post-season action starts. Here's a look around the state in week #9...

CLASS 6A - Robert E. Lee claimed a big 31-3 win over Prattville, and while the Generals may not be as good as they think, they are without a doubt the top team in the state. Dothan, one of the state's most over-rated teams, lost to Opelika 26-15, and now will just be another team when the playoffs start. Closer to home, Enterprise lost for the third time, this time to Rutledge, of Panama City, 13-7.

CLASS 5A - Russellville and Blount are both among the top teams in the state in 5A circles and will be favorites when the playoffs begin, while another team to watch could be Dora, coached by former-Alabama standout Joey Jones. Dora is 9-0 and last week pounded Colbert County 31-0. Back down south, Greenville edged Anniston 13-12 and seems to be pecking at just the right time, while Charles Henderson whipped Hillcrest 27-6 and may make the 5A playoffs.

CLASS 4A - Daleville obliterated Bullock County 55-0 and T.R. Miller whipped Opp 37-14, and fans are already making plans to watch the 4A powers when they tangle in the playoffs. Other teams making plans of their own include Ashford, a 23-10 winner over Abbeville, and Dale County, which won 27-10 over Wetumpka.

CLASS 3A - Top-ranked Litchfield proved its power with a 27-24 win over #4 Asheville, while Lamar County and West Blocton both remained unbeaten with impressive wins. Southern Choctaw continued its finest season in years with a 19-0 win over UMS-Wright, and Elba pounded 5A Andalusia 41-12 to rebound after a loss to 4A Miller.

CLASS 2A - Four-time defending state champ Hazelwood improved to 7-2 with a big 27-0 win over West Morgan, while #3 Leroy got shocked by McIntosh 22-6. Geneva County and Wicksburg rolled along with ease wins, and what has happened to Stranahan? The Tigers lost to lowly Highland Home and can't buy a win.

CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Courtland played only its fifth game of the season, but made up for the open dates with a 48-8 win over Speake, while #2 Billingsley looked awfully average in edging Maury 15-6. Closer to home, Brantley showed some power in blanketing Alabama Christian 14-0 and Arion kept rolling with a 27-6 win over suddenly hapless Samson.

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator wasn't as cocky this week after missing 9 of 37 picks last week, his worst week of the season. He still has an outstanding record of 262 and 50 for the season, and said this week he'll bounce back strong. We'll see...

ELBA VS. HILLCREST  
The Tigers bounced back last week and looked as strong as ever with a win over Andalusia, but this week the Tigers must hit the road for Evergreen, and Hillcrest will provide the Tigers with a real test. The Jaguars aren't a 5A power, but the Jags can bite you at any time and will be hungry for Tiger Friday night. It would be a real battle...

ELBA 20 HILLCREST 14

### ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The winless Rebels close out the season against the only team it has a shot to beat. The Raiders of Houston Academy looked like a possible ZC win earlier in the season, but the Raiders have improved in recent weeks, while the Rebs have gone backwards. The last loss!

HOUSTON AC. 21 ZION CHAPEL 10

### NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The Gamecocks are ready to end the season, and it just so happens that the final opponent is winless Cottonwood. Cottonwood has always seemed to have its way with the Gamecocks, but this year the winner will be the team that shows up and wants it the worst.

NEW BROCKTON 22 COTTONWOOD 16

### KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The Battle of Bulldogs up in Brantley takes on a different look this season, as the green-clad Bulldogs are winning once again and headed for the playoffs, while Kinston is ending its season. Brantley has whipped some solid teams and should handle Kinston, but it won't be easy!

BRANTLEY 21 KINSTON 8

### OTHER PICKS:

Long 22 Arion 21  
Blackshear 27 Sou. Normal 7  
Anniston 29 St. James 0  
Trinity 50 Cahale 0  
Highland Home 34 Clayton 12  
Coffee Springs 26 Florida 12  
Geneva Co. 20 Wicksburg 14  
Georgiana 28 Red Level 0  
Goshen 27 Louisville 8  
Reelwood 34 Lafayette 16  
Stranahan 15 Samson 13  
Abbeville 20 Headland 12  
Ashford 42 Dale County 9  
Call 23 Bullock Co. 14  
Daleville 27 Pike Co. 14  
Billingsley 29 Holtville 6  
Rehobeth 14 Houston Co. 0  
Alba 20 Grand Bay 0  
T.R. Miller 34 W.S. Neal 0  
UMS-Wright 15 St. Paul 14  
Opp 21 Andalusia 15  
Opelika 17 Auburn 14  
Enterprise 17 Carroll 7  
Carver 16 Jeff Davis 14  
Dolan 21 Northview 3  
Greenville 27 Henderson 8  
Lee 35 Lanier 7  
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HEY, THIS ISN'T SO HARD! Elba tailback Teddy Burks (33) literally walks across the goal line to give the Tigers a big lead in the second quarter of last week's 41-12 win over Andalusia. Burks gained 256 yards rushing and scored five touchdowns to lead the Tigers to their seventh win of the season.

## Tigers bite Bulldogs 41-12

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

If the Elba Tigers were still in mourning about their narrow loss to T.R. Miller, it didn't show.

The Elba Tigers scored on their first offensive play of the game and never looked back Friday night as they pounded the Andalusia Bulldogs 41-12, in Elba.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 7-1, while Andalusia slipped to 1-8 with the loss.

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## Wicksburg downs gritty Gamecocks 17-6

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Wicksburg Friday night to battle the Wicksburg Panthers in a key Class 2A, Area 4 matchup, and the Gamecocks showed signs of improvement, but fell to a good Wicksburg team by the score of 17-6.

The Panthers first score of the night was set up by a Brandon Harpe interception and return to the New Brockton 19-yardline. The Gamecock defense held the Panthers out of the endzone, but Wicksburg got on the scoreboard when Jason Manning booted a 26-yard field-goal with 6:48 left in the opening stanza.



New Brockton's Joe Owens (27) holds on to a Wicksburg runner during action Friday night. Owens recovered two fumbles to spark the Gamecock defense against the powerful Panther attack.

giving the Panthers a 3-0 lead.

The two teams engaged in a defensive struggle for the remainder of the half, until Doug Dawkins broke loose on a 41-yard touchdown run with only 20 seconds left on the clock. Manning added the extra-point to stretch the Wicksburg lead to 10-0 at the half.

Wicksburg opened the second half just where it had left off in the first half, as the Panthers put together a 7 play drive that covered 60 yards, and ended with a 21-yard touchdown run by Doug Dawkins. The extra-point by Manning gave the Panthers a 17-0 lead with 8:39 left in the third quarter.

Joe Owens recovered a Wicksburg fumble at the Gamecock 46-yardline to put New Brockton in business late in the third quarter, and the Gamecocks came to life offensively as they marched 54 yards for a touchdown.

The score came on a 10-yard run by Chris Green, and while a mishandled snap resulted in a missed extra-point try, the Gamecocks had cut the lead to 17-6 with 11:02 left in the game.

New Brockton's Joe Owens recovered another Panther fumble on Wicksburg's next possession to give the Gamecocks the ball at the New Brockton 30-yardline, and using a 15-yard run by Chris Green and a 25-yard pass from Sean Stuckey to Joe Owens, the Gamecocks marched to the Wicksburg 30-yardline.

The drive stalled, however, and

**GAMECOCK PRIDE!  
IT'S ALIVE & WELL !!  
BELIEVE IT !!!**

**COLLEGE CORNER**  
By Phillip Miles, Sportswriter

Tennessee has got to feel like they are jinxed! They lose to South Carolina and then Florida beats Georgia. Now, the Gators are back in the SEC Eastern Division race after being left for dead after their loss to Mississippi State. The East is the least!

Auburn's 24-24 tie with Arkansas just about killed the Tigers chances for a winning season and a bowl game. Only Georgia and Alabama remain on the Auburn schedule, so, barring a major upset, the War Eagles should finish at 5-5-1.

Hit on six games last week to go 45-25 for the season, and feel confident heading down the stretch. Here goes...

TROY STATE hosts Sanford for homecoming. The Bulldogs eked out a win last year in Birmingham and the Trojans have been pointing to this game ever since. Troy State gets revenge 30-19.

ALABAMA pays a visit to LSU, in Baton Rouge, and in recent years Baton Rouge has been awfully good to the Tide. Bama has won 9 out of its last 10 games on the bayou and while the Bengals will play their best, it won't even be close as the Tide will roll 24-0.

OTHER PICKS: Mississippi State over Arkansas 17-10; Vanderbilt over Kentucky 21-20; Notre Dame over Boston College 24-20; Florida over South Carolina 21-17; Ole Miss over Memphis State 21-15; South Carolina over Louisiana Tech 20-17 and Nebraska over Kansas 23-20.

UPSET SPECIAL: Washington pays a visit to Tucson to meet the defensive-minded Wildcats and the vote here is that the Huskies bid for a repeat title will come to an end. Arizona 24-14.



New Brockton coach James Boyett talks with his team during a time out on Friday night's 17-6 loss to Wicksburg. The Gamecocks will close out the season this week against Cottonwood.



A Zion Chapel runner heads upfield for a short gain. The Rebels will battle Houston Academy this week to close out the season.

### STATISTICS

NB	1st Downs	W
11	36-126	16
54	Rushes-Yds.	36-241
180	Passing Yds.	64
3-6-1	Total Offense	305
64	Passes	7-11-0
0	Return Yds.	25
5-35	Fumbles Lost	2
1-30	Penalties-Yds.	3-15
	Punts-Ave.	0-00

## Kinston barrels through fog to shutout McKenzie 20-0

By Phillip Miles, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs used a punishing ground attack to eat up yards, and time off the clock, as they defeated the McKenzie Tigers 20-0 Friday night, in McKenzie.

McKenzie received the opening kickoff, but failed to move the football and punted to Kinston. It was the last time the Tigers would get their hands on the ball until only :05 was left on the clock in the first quarter!

Kinston began its first possession at the Bulldog 31-yardline with 9:48 left in the quarter and overcame early penalty problems to drive down the field for a score.

A 21-yard scamper by Jonathan Spears on a third down and 20 kept the drive alive early, while a 3-yard gain by Spears on a fourth down and one gave the Bulldogs a first down at the McKenzie 45-yardline.

A 14-yard gain by Steve Wise on a fourth down and one moved Kinston to the Tiger 21-yardline, and the Bulldogs converted on yet another fourth down play, this time a fourth down and six at the McKenzie 16-yardline, with Daniel Sims gaining 8 yards to give the Bulldogs a first and goal at the eight.

Jonathan Spears got the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge to climax the 19 play, 69-yard drive, and Steve Wise bulled over for the two-point conversion to give Kinston an 8-0 lead with :05 left in the quarter.

The two Area 3 rivals swapped punts for the remainder of the half, with Kinston going in at intermission.

**HOW FOGGY WAS IT?** A Kinston receiver goes up through the fog in an attempt to catch a pass. The Bulldogs cut their way through the fog to hand McKenzie a 20-0 loss.

Raises record to 8-1

## Brantley blasts Eagles 14-0

From combined reports

The Brantley Bulldogs put two touchdowns on the scoreboard in the first half and then turned things over to the defense as they blanked the Alabama Christian Eagles 14-0, Friday night in Brantley.

Brantley improved its record to 8-1 with the win, while Alabama Christian slipped to 5-4.

The Bulldogs jumped ahead 7-0 in the opening stanza on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Ashley Kilcrease to Andrew Kilcrease, and the extra-point by Austin Cauley.

The Bulldogs put together an impressive drive in the second quarter, and capped the scoring march when Ashley Kilcrease hit Andrew Kilcrease with a 3-yard toss. Cauley again hit the extra-point, giving Brantley a 14-0 halftime bulge.

The Bulldog offense had problems in the second half against the aggressive Eagle defense, but the "Dawg Defense" refused to let the Eagles in the endzone and turned back two Alabama Christian drives to preserve the 14-0 win.

Ashley Kilcrease hit on 10 of 12 passes for 179 yards and 2 touchdowns to spark the Brantley offense, with Andrew Kilcrease making 3 catches for 42 yards and both scores.

**ESJC to sponsor cheerleader camp Nov. 13-14 at gym**

The Enterprise State Cheerleaders are hosting a cheerleading camp for grades 1 through 7 on November 13 and 14. Tuition is \$20 per camper. Check-in is set for 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, and the camp will conclude at 4:00 p.m. the following day. Contact: Patsy Chalkers at 393-ESJC, ext. 290 for complete information.

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Kinston's Jonathan Spears (35) pulls away from a would-be tackler in last week's 20-0 win over McKenzie. The Bulldogs can even their record at 5-5 this week with an upset win over highly-touted Brantley.

son still clinging to an 8-0 advantage.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and the Bulldog ground attack returned to life as the Bulldogs marched all the way to the McKenzie 9-yardline.

The drive was highlighted by the running of Jonathan Spears and Daniel Sims, but the drive bogged down deep in Tiger territory and McKenzie took over on downs at its own 7-yardline.

Kinston got the football back on a fumble recovery by Daniel Sims at the McKenzie 15-yardline, and after a bungled puntout resulted in a 14-yard loss, Jonathan Spears broke loose for a 19-yard scamper to move the Bulldogs back to the McKenzie 10-yardline.

Steve Wise got the touchdown two plays later on a 3-yard run and with 4:30 left in the third quarter Kinston's lead was up to 14-0.

The Kinston defense turned back a McKenzie threat at the Bulldog 29-yardline late in the third quarter, and the offense responded by marching 71-yards for the final points of the night.

A 12-yard gain by Daniel Sims and a twisting 12-yard run by Steve Wise were big plays early in the march, while an 18-yard run by Wise moved Kinston to the McKenzie 15-yardline.

Jonathan Spears got the touch-

down on a 5-yard run, and although the two-point try failed, the Bulldogs had the lead 20-0 with 6:45 left on the clock.

Kinston's Lonnie Hattaway recovered a McKenzie fumble to stop another Tiger threat late in the game, and the Bulldogs then let Michael Harrison ground out yards, and eat up the clock, as Kinston posted the 20-0 victory.

Jonathan Spears gained 119 yards on 19 carries and scored two touchdowns to lead Kinston, while Steve Wise added 80 yards on 11 carries

and scored one touchdown and one two-point conversion.

### STATISTICS

K	1st Downs	M
15	58-279	5
8	Rushes-Yds.	22-94
287	Passing Yds.	7
1-2-1	Total Offense	101
2-37-1	Passes	1-1-0
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0	Fumbles Lost	8-58
10	Return Yds.	51

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Zion Chapel falls to 0-8

## Long storms past Rebels 45-10

From combined reports

G.W. Long made short work of the Zion Chapel Rebels Friday night in Skipperville as the homecoming Rebels bolted out to a 38-7 halftime lead and cruised to a 45-10 win.

Long received the opening kickoff and gave everyone in attendance a preview of things to come as it easily marched downfield for the first score of the night. The touchdown came on a 20-yard pass from Pat Watson to Clay Strickland, and Ryan Tierney added the extra-point, giving Long a quick 7-0 lead.

A safety gave Long a 9-0 lead only minutes later, and the lead went

to 16-0 late in the first quarter on a 5-yard run by Mitchell Hunter and the p.a.t. by Tierney.

Zion Chapel showed signs of life on its ensuing possession when Roy Stewart raced 65 yards for a Rebel touchdown. Jerry Johnson added the extra-point and the Rebels were back in the hunt, trailing only 16-7!

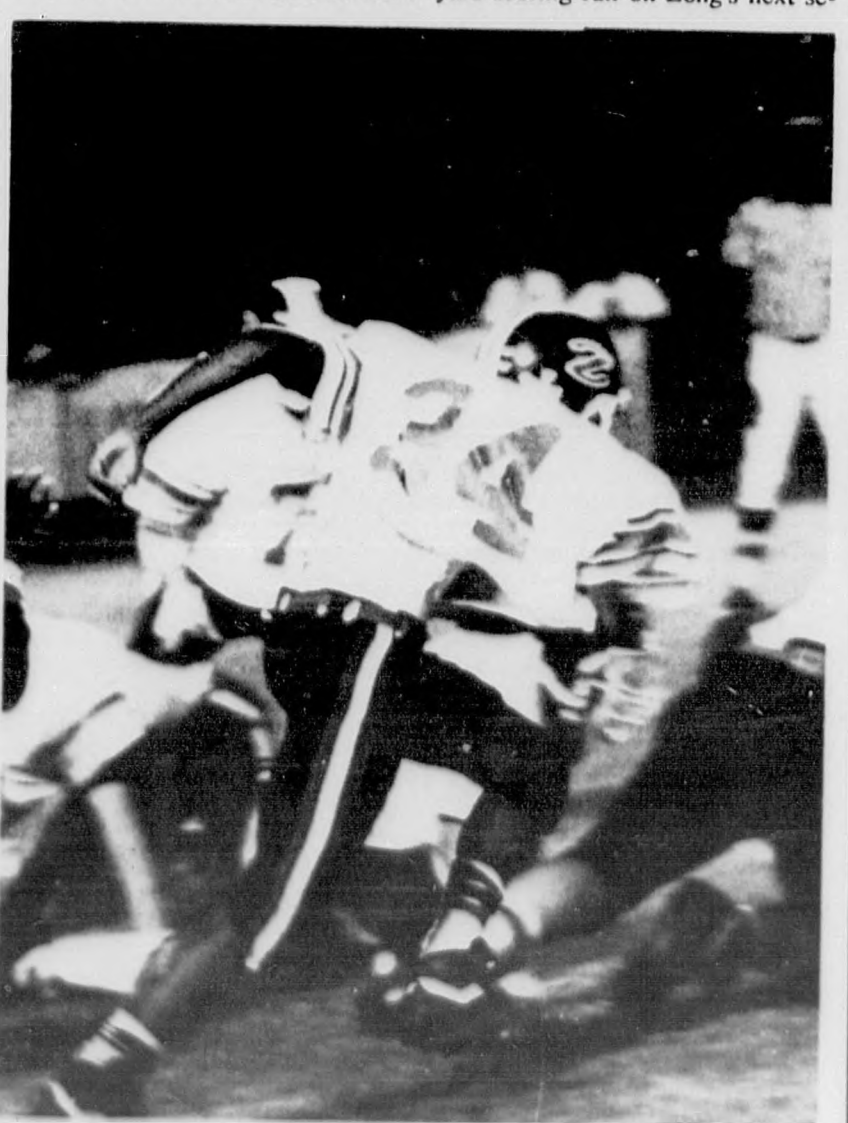
Mitchell Hunter quickly answered the 20 score; however, as he rammed 64 yards for a Long touchdown and Chris Pruitt tacked on a two-point conversion, putting Long back in command with a 24-7 advantage early in the second stanza.

Chris Pruitt broke loose on a 45-yard scoring run on Long's next series and Tierney booted the p.a.t. to increase the Long lead to 31-7, and Long wiped away any doubts on its next possession as Hunter scored on a 5-yard run to give the powerful Long High Rebels a whopping 38-7 halftime bulge.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard on a 22-yard field-goal by Jerry Johnson early in the third quarter as the Rebels cut the Long lead to 38-10, but it was the final spark for the Rebel offense, and Long added a late score on a 19-yard run by Matthew Peoples to give Long the easy 45-10 win.

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## Beware Of Stinging Caterpillars

Richard L. Petcher-Associate County Agent

**STINGING CATERpillars**  
I have had several calls concerning stinging caterpillars in the last month. There are several types of stinging caterpillars. One of the main ones is the flannel moth. However, there are several other caterpillars that do sting. They basically are hairy caterpillars that have stinging hairs.

These caterpillars are usually found on shrubbery around your house. You have to brush against the caterpillars to get stung. If you want to get rid of these caterpillars, just crush them or spray them with an insecticide.

Treat these stings as you would a bee sting. Of course, the longer you handle the caterpillars, the greater the sting will be. If you think you are having an allergic reaction, you should call or see your doctor.

### TWO-TON PEANUT CLUB AND PEANUT CHAMPIONS

The Two-Ton Peanut Club and two peanut champions from each county will again be sponsored by the Alabama Peanut Producers Association and the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. The Two-Ton Awards are given to peanut farmers whose average of their entire acreage is two tons or more. The peanut champion awards are given to farmers with the highest yield across all of their acreage. There will be one from each category. The categories are 50-250 acres and 250 acres or more. The winners for Coffee County last year were Al Britt and Ray Boyd.

If you have any idea that your peanut yields would qualify for any of these awards, please give me a call at 894-5596. We will not be checking all of the peanut records this year. If you think that you may be one of these winners, please call so that we can check your records. You need to be an active member of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association to qualify.

## 7th Grade Boys 4-H Meets

by Toby Bragg

The Zion Chapel seventh grade boys had their first 4-H meeting Tuesday, October 27, 1992. They elected the following officers: President Benjamin Prichett; Vice President Daniel Prichett; Secretary David Mitchell; Reporter Toby Bragg; Devotion Tim Cape; Song Leaders Rodney Flowers and Travis Woods; Club Leader Mrs. Hobbs. After they elected officers, they talked about dove and squirrel hunting. Mr. Petcher recommended that we go to the Wildlife Field Day and go to 4-H Camp.

### Z.C. 5th Grade Girl's Meet

by Morgan Hodge, Reporter

Zion Chapel's 5th grade girls held their October 4-H meeting recently. We spent our October meeting by electing officers. But first we filled out registration cards. On those cards they had projects for us to choose. We got to choose two projects and one from each category. The categories are 50-250 acres and 250 acres or more. The winners for Coffee County last year were Al Britt and Ray Boyd.



The 7th Grade ANR 4-H Club Officers for 1992-93 at New Brockton are from left to right: front, Jason Thomas, President; D. Anthony Brown, Vice President; Scott Hughes, Secretary; Quan Mackie, Reporter; back, Robert Fleming, Devotional Leader; Janny Moore, Song Leader; Enorise Newson, Song Leader; and Lee Gunter, Teacher Leader.



The 7th Grade ANR 4-H Club Officers for 1992-93 at New Brockton are from left to right: front, Cedric Foster, President; Jerry Hines, Vice President; Jason Allums, Secretary; Tony Pouncey, Reporter; back, Kendall Merritt, Devotional Leader; Genisis Harris, Song Leader; Michael Hines, Song Leader.

## Injection Sites For Beef Cattle

Rex Walden of Enterprise recently pointed out that a great deal of information has been handed out in the past concerning vaccination sites for beef cattle. The primary reason for this is that once the injection is given, you can develop carcass problems once the carcass is at the processing plant. To avoid these problems, more and more processors are encouraging producers to be more aware of injection sites.

I feel like within this article while talking about injection sites we should also talk about types of injections. To begin with, always read the label as to where to inject medication you are giving. In other words, it may call for a subcutaneous injection. Subcutaneous injections are usually made in an area where skin fits loosely like the neck or chest wall, the arm pit or flank. You pick up the skin and insert the needle just under the skin and not between the layers of skin.

The other most common type of injection is intramuscular. The intramuscular injection is made deeply into any large muscle. There are other types of injections—intravenous, intraperitoneal, and intramammary. All of these have a specific purpose behind them and are much more difficult to give. I recommend that you consult your veterinarian or someone who has done it before if you have never given one of these three types of vaccinations.

There are two other injection types that bear mentioning. One is intramammary. This requires a soft, blunt injection apparatus to go into the teat to infuse this teat for treating mastitis. Another type of injection is intradermal and this would be given between the layers of skin. Usually, you shave a patch of hair prior to giving an intradermal injection. For beef cattle there are basically four sites for giving injections. The neck is a preferred site because there is no carcass damage associated with the neck. Most of the time subcutaneous shots are given in the neck, but also many people give an intramuscular shot into the neck muscle with good results.

Another site would be right behind the shoulder or elbow. This is a good intramuscular area and sometimes if the skin is loose enough you can give a subcutaneous shot. The other two sites are located to the rear of the animal. One is the lower round just above the hock or the top of the rump. My own personal opinion is that the top of the rump and loin should be avoided even though they have been the two most common places to give a shot. These are both top, prime cut areas off of any beef carcass and it is the most common place of losses due to injection site lesions. Avoid the top of the rump and the loin.

Try to confine your shots to the lower part of the rump and the two areas right behind the shoulder and the neck, and I think you will avoid any carcass damage problem. If you have any further questions along the lines of animal health, give me a call at 894-5596. I will be glad to help you or consult your local veterinarian. I am sure they will feel equally glad to give you any help they possibly can.

## TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF COFFEE COUNTY:



## Tree Seedlings Available

### TIPS ON RETAILING

I had an opportunity to go with a group of merchants from Coffee County to visit the Jasper, Alabama area. The Coffee County merchants were able to meet with several of the merchants in Jasper to discuss the change in the retail trade in their area. Anytime a major retailer locates in the area, it creates anxiety and concern among the present retailers.

During the visit I picked up several ideas I think would be very important for merchants to consider as far as retailing goes. The thing that I heard most was service. The merchants that give the best service are the ones that retain their customers the longest.

Another point that came up quite frequently was you need to smile at the customers as they come in. Along with that smile was to be able to call the customer by name. These things help keep business coming your way.

Another item that was brought up was to specialize. Find your niche in the retail market and then push it. I was really impressed with a comment that a banker made, and that was that the county had to work together in order to survive. Walker County, which is where Jasper is located, has moved to a county-wide Chamber of Commerce so that the economic development efforts could be multiplied by all parties concerning working together.

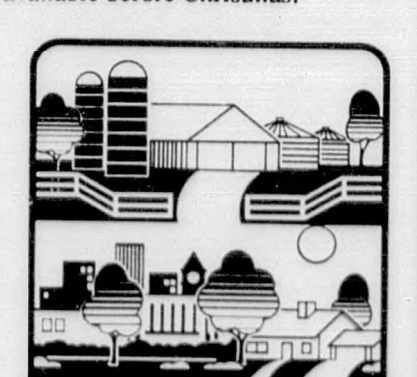
The Coffee County area continues to grow, and we are very fortunate to be in the economic climate

that we are in. Let's work together to keep this climate moving forward.

### TREE SEEDLINGS

Each year we have requests for a few tree seedlings. Most of the time it is difficult to find two or three or a dozen seedlings that you can buy. As a service to the people, we break them in big bundles and break them and sell a few at a time. They are not very expensive this way, and it is a convenience for the people in Coffee County.

If you would like to get a few Loblolly pines, Slash pines, Virginia pines (Christmas trees), oaks, dogwoods, or redbuds, please give us a call at 894-5596 so that we can find out how many trees to order this fall. If we can get your order in soon enough, we will have the seedlings available before Christmas.



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And now to the most special people in the world to me, our Senior Citizens, Thank You for being our leaders and for being the backbone of our county "I love each one of you."

Thanks For Everything!  
Billy N. Egerton  
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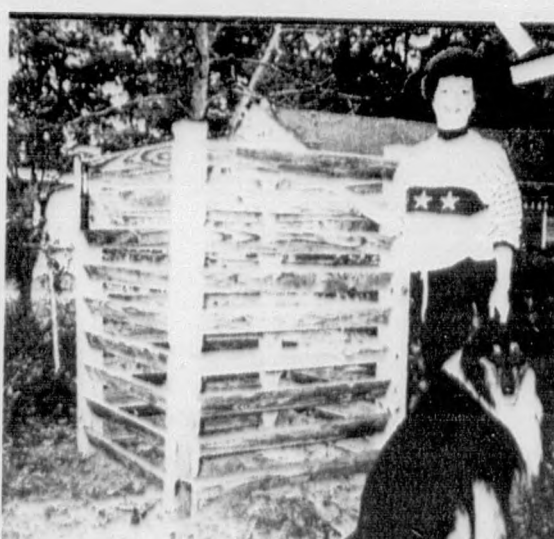
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ROBERT STEPHENS ELECTED COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

## New Coffee County Commission already facing landfill issue

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

The first order of business for the Coffee County Commission in Monday's meeting was to be sworn in. Probate Judge Marion B. Brunson administered the oath-of-office to commission members.

Commissioners taking office for the first time were: Wendell Black, District 1; Lawrence Creel, District 2; Jack Hanson, District 4; and Ernest Brooks, District 5.

Returning members of the commission taking the oath were: Robert Stephens, District 3; Sid Averett, District 6; and Bill Faulk, District 7. Selecting a commissioner to serve as chairman of the governing body was the first official act by the new sworn in commission.

Commissioner Robert Stephens was elected by the commissioners to serve as commission chairman for the next 12 months. The vote was taken by secret ballot.

The commissioners later ratified the chairman vote during bill signing time by a vote of five for and two abstaining. Commissioners Sid Averett and Lawrence Creel abstained.

It didn't take the new commissioners long to get a taste of controversy. During the general business por-

tion of the meeting, Commissioner Wendell Black told commissioners, "I feel we need to put the process for a regional landfill on hold until the new commission can become familiar with it."

Black made a motion to postpone the regional landfill permitting process indefinitely until more is known about what is going on.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 4 to 3. Commissioners Stephens, Averett, Faulk and Hanson voted against while Black, Creel and Brooks voted in favor of halting the permitting process.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) has scheduled a public hearing on the regional landfill for Tuesday, November 24, at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

Commissioners, who were members of the previous commission, are concerned that if the permitting process is stopped, it could cause the county serious problems down the road.

They contend that even though a regional, 10-county, landfill permit is obtained, the county could still use its own landfills.

The fact that they will have the permit will give them another option should they need one. It could give them a "bargaining chip" in negoti-

ing a contract with a private firm to haul the county's solid waste to a facility outside the county.

Commissioner Hanson feels that all the newly elected commissioners should become familiar with all the facts concerning the landfill issue before making any decision on the matter.

Commissioner Creel later agreed that more thought should be put into the landfill matter before any action is taken.

Earlier in the commission meeting, a group of Elba High School students, an Advanced English class, voiced their concerns about locating a 10-county regional landfill in Coffee County.

Cory Driggers, spokesperson for the group, outlined a three-step process for handling the county's garbage.

Step 1: Allow no outside counties to dump their garbage in Coffee County's landfill.

Step 2: Implement an extensive recycling program in the county.

Step 3: Provide a countywide

composting program for organic material.

Driggers told commissioners, "This land is only ours to borrow, so we need to take care of it as best we can."

He encouraged the members of the Coffee County Commission to "take the lead."

Commissioner Brooks proposed that a task force made up of county and city officials and students study the landfill/garbage question and report its findings and/or proposals to the commission.

Members of the commission were in full agreement that representatives from the county's municipalities be included in the fact finding process. It is estimated that 70-80% of the county's solid waste is generated in the cities and towns.

After the formal commission meeting had ended and commissioners were signing bills, Commissioner Brooks made a motion that County Engineer Mark Pool be instructed to call ADEM and change the permit from a regional to a one-county. The



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motion was seconded by Black.

Brooks' motion failed by a vote of 4 to 2. Voting for were: Brooks and Black - against: Stephens, Averett, Faulk, and Hanson. Creel abstained.

Both Commissioners Creel and Hanson voiced their concern about bringing up matters and voting on them after the formal session has ended. Although the commission is officially in session while signing bills, most of the visitors who attend the commission meetings leave after the formal session ends.

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## Vaughan named as City Attorney

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The Elba City Council moved one step closer to putting their problems behind them Monday night when they unanimously followed the recommendation of Mayor Ricky Haywood and named Attorney Mark Vaughan as City Attorney for the past 12 years.

Muddy and/or dusty streets in Mulberry Heights was the complaint of Linda Ramus when she addressed the city fathers. She told horror stories of cars being damaged, homes ruined and/or covered with red dust.

Engineer Bobby Lee was asked to give a status report and told Ramus it would be about 90 days before the project is completed.

He explained the history of the federal funding, problems with relocating the water mains and storm drains, etc., and said the streets should be ready for the paving contractor by December 1st if the weather remains reasonably dry.

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## Pat Boothe issue dominates W & E Board meeting

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The Elba Water and Electric Board meeting opened with approval of monthly bills totaling \$34,913. Chairman Mickey Murdock noted this was unusually high but included payment for lift station repair, auditors, ditch repairs and engineering fees.

A review of the cash flow statement shows a \$90,000 expense for new construction. Board members were told this included work at the Moore's Creek bridge widening and upgrading lines in the Mulberry Heights area.

Electric profit and expenses area

about the same as one year ago. An adjustment in the electric rates for the new chip mill is needed, Murdock said. The board approved him to meet with the firm and working on the matter.

However water losses are \$20,000 compared to \$4,000 one year ago.

The accounts receivable report shows \$15,600 in uncollected accounts. Murdock explained that two commercial accounts cover over 50% of this balance.

Murdock reminded board members they had decided to not raise rates to cover this loss, but to let electric profits make up the difference.

Haywood expressed an opinion that he felt it was a concurrence of opinions to do what he had done.

Brunson added, "This ought to be resolved, put this issue behind and move forward." He added, "This in-

volves personal feelings and should not be the concern of this board."

Board member Gladys Yelverton added, "We are dealing with more than a pay check here. There is no use in us going to court over personal dislikes." She later added, "I don't care if you clean house all day as long as it is right and legal."

Charles Lindsey spoke from the audience and said, "Elba is the laughing stock of South Alabama and I am tired of it." He suggested the entire group resign and let the people pick a new group in another election. "I know it ain't going to happen, but it is a good idea," Lindsey added.

Brunson made a motion recommending that